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SUBJECT: REVISED DRAFT STATEMENT TO IEA GOVERNING BOARD

1. THE FOLLOWING, FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, IS TEXT OF DRAFT STATEMENT GIVEN TO DEPARTMENT OFFICERS BY DAVIGNON LAST WEEK. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN GIVEN GREEN LIGHT BY US, BUT WILL BE BASIS OF CURRENT DISCUSSION IN PARIS. TEXT WAS ADOPTED BY NORWEGIAN CABINET JANUARY 30 AFTER DAVIGNON DISCUSSION WITH FRYDENLUND JANUARY 29 IN BRUSSELS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. FIRSTLY: NORWAY INTENDS PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF IEA INCLUDING EMERGENCY MEASURES. FROM WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ONWARDS HAVE APPRECIATED EMERGENCY PROGRAM AS WAY AVOID INDIVIDUAL CONFIDENTIAL

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NATIONAL ACTION BASED ON NARROW SELF-INTEREST THAT MAY

HARM PARTNER COUNTRIES. NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO COHESION OF IEA GROUP IN CASE OF EMERGENCY SITUATION. SHALL ENDEAVOR WITHIN ITS MEANS TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH POLICY COHESION.

SECONDLY: NORWAY COOPERATES CLOSELY WITH IEA MEMBERS IN MANY FIELDS. WHILE NATIONAL DECISION IS RESERVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION EMERGENCY MEASURES, VIEWS AND DECISIONS OF IEA MEMBERS GROUP WILL OF NECESSITY WEIGH HEAVILY IN NORWEGIAN

DECISION MAKING. NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO TAKE COURSE DIFFERENT FROM THAT ADOPTED BY IEA UNDER THE RULES OF CHAPTERS ONE TO FOUR OF IEP EXCEPT FOR REASONS THAT IT REGARDS AS DECISIVE.

THIRDLY: NORWAY FULLY PREPARED TO TAKE PART ON PAR WITH MEMBER COUNTRIES IN ALL CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES AND ALL EXAMINATION PROCEDURES WITHIN IEA. THIS INCLUDES DEMAND RESTRAINT MEASURES AND STANDBY CAPACITY THAT MAY EXIST IN ANY GIVEN PERIOD OF TIME. NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDS PARTICIPATION SUCH PROCEDURES NOT MERELY AS CONTRIBUTION TO IEA BUT AS PROCESS IN ITS OWN NATIONAL INTEREST AND NORWAY IS READY TO FURNISH RELEVANT INFORMATION IN THIS RESPECT. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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